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TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

To John H. Byers
—OF THE—
Harvard Ark.

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

—HELD WITH—

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH,
SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARK.,

OCTOBER 14th, 16th, 17th, 1882.

OFFICERS:

E. L. COMPERE, Moderator; JOHN McLAUGHLIN, Clerk;
W. M. HOLLAND. Treasurer.

The next session will be held with the Poteau Church, in Scott County, Arkansas, on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October 1883.

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KANSAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROCEEDINGS.



Concord Association met with Friendship Church at Dayton, Sebastian county, Ark., October 14, 1882, at 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon preached by Elder M. K. Pitts, from chapter of Collossians, and was followed by Elder J. M. Ledbetter, at the close of which Elder E. L. Compere, moderator, appointed the pastor and deacons of Friendship church, together with Dr. J. H. Smith and Brother G. H. Council, as a committee on devotional exercises. Association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m. for refreshments. Benediction by Elder S. Fuller.

Half past one p. m.—Association reassembled—singing and prayer by Brother Mitchell, Brother J. A. Keith being absent. Brother J. C. Staloup was elected clerk pro tempore. Brothers J. H. Smith and A. S. Worrel were appointed by the moderator to read the church letters.

On motion of Brother S. Fuller Brother Jno. Anderson was admitted to a seat as messenger from Pleasant Valley church.

On motion Brother W. L. May was admitted to a seat as messenger from Glendale church.

Petitionary letter from Shady Grove church, Scott county, Ark., was read, and on motion the delegates were admitted to seats. Also petitionary letter from New Prospect church, Choctaw Nation, was read, and on motion the delegates admitted to seats.

On motion of Elder S. Fuller Elder E. L. Compere was relieved from preaching missionary sermon. The committee on devotional exercises reported that Dr. A. S. Worrell preach the missionary sermon.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Brother E. L. Compere, moderator; Brother John McLaughlin, clerk, and Brother Wm. M. Holland, treasurer. Brother J. M. Ledbetter moved that the order of standing

committees be the same as that of last year, with a committee on sundries, and a committee on temperance, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Brother A. A. Spiller Brother J. W. Pennington was allowed leave of absence until Monday morning.

On motion of Dr. A. S. Worrell it was decided to have a general Sunday school mass meeting with suitable lectures and music, to be held Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. at this place.

The moderator then announced the standing committees as follows:

On Documents—Brothers J. J. Holland, J. C. Stalcup and J. W. Trip.

On Finance—Thomas Condrey, H. H. Mouser and R. H. Cook.

Education—John McLaughlin, A. S. Worrell, and G. W. Smith.

Publications—J. M. Ledbetter and D. J. H. Smith.

Foreign and Indian Missions—W. M. Holland, J. N. Pennington, and M. Q. Workman.

Sabbath Schools—A. S. Worrell, J. C. Stalcup, and Thomas Condrey.

Domestic Missions—L. F. Patterson, A. A. Spiller, and R. Shaw.

Temperance—S. J. Fuller, B. O. Owens, and James Edmonson.

Queries—M. K. Pitts, W. N. Mitchel, and D. Y. Sweeney.

Nominations—Isaac Davis, H. H. Mouser, and John Crop.

Preaching at night in Dayton by Brother Barnes; at Salem by Brother J. M. Ledbetter; at Brother Bozeman's by Brother M. K. Pitts.

On motion of Brother S. J. Fuller the Association adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning, with benediction by Brother Owens.

Sabbath Exercises—At 11 o'clock the missionary sermon was preached by Dr. A. S. Worrell from Acts xvi., verse 9. After the sermon a collection was taken up for missionary purposes, which amounted as follows:

Domestic missions.....	\$26 50
In pledges.....	25 72
Foreign missions.....	1 50
In pledges.....	6 45

The following named brethren were named to address the Sunday school mass meeting at 3 o'clock: Dr. A. S. Worrell, Dr. McAlister, J. C. Stalcup, Brothers Payne, Condrey, and McDonough.

There being plenty of refreshments on the ground an intermission of one hour and a half was given. Benediction by Brother S. J. Fuller.

At 3 o'clock the Sabbath school mass meeting assembled, presided over by S. J. Fuller. Prayer by A. A. Spiller. Singing and music by the Sabbath school.

Addresses were then delivered by Dr. A. S. Worrell, J. C. Stalcup, Thomas Condrey, and Brother Payne. Singing and music. Addresses by Dr. R. P. McAlister and J. B. McDonough. Singing by the Sabbath school.

Preaching at night at Dayton by Brother J. N. Pennington; at Salem by Brother J. M. Ledbetter. Benediction by A. A. Spiller.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the Association did not convene until 10 o'clock a. m. Monday.

Opening prayer by M. K. Pitts. Temperance sermon preached by Elder S. J. Fuller, followed by Brother M. K. Pitts.

The minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and approved.

On motion of S. J. Fuller Brothers Hunt, J. S. Patterson, J. R. Patterson were enrolled as visiting brethren.

On motion of S. J. Fuller. Brother J. E. Blair was invited to a seat in this Association.

On motion of A. A. Spiller Jas. Edmondson, E. L. Compere, R. H. Cook, J. J. Holland, J. C. White, W. A. Mitchel, A. A. Spiller were appointed correspondents to the Creek Association.

Brother M. K. Pitts, J. M. Ledbetter, J. M. Lindsey, and A. A. Spiller were appointed correspondents to the Choctaw Association.

On motion of Brother W. M. Holland, Brother A. S. Worrell, E. L. Compere, W. H. Davis, and J. A. Keith were elected delegates to the Baptist state convention.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the general Association: Brothers S. J. Fuller, E. L. Compere, Wm. Tyler, J. McLaughlin, J. H. Smith.

On motion of Brother J. J. Holland the Association adjourned to assemble at Oak Grove school house at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Prayer by S. J. Fuller. Benediction by M. K. Pitts.

Preaching at night at Salem by Elder J. J. Holland; at Brother Edmonson's by J. H. York.

Oak Grove, Tuesday morning, 8 o'clock a. m.—Association assembled. Prayer by Brother Thomas Condrey. Roll called. Minutes of Monday read and approved.

On motion of Brother Spiller absentees are to be marked with a star at the future sessions of this association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Brother Moderator:—Your committee on finance beg leave to report as follows.

For printing minutes.....	\$41 85
Home missions.....	52 25
Foreign missions.....	7 95

T. J. CONDREY, Chairman.

Report received and adopted,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Brother Moderator:—Your committee on temperance respectfully submit the following:

Intemperance we believe is one of the greatest barriers to our national prosperity, and one of the strongest enemies to morality with which we have to contend. By its destructive influence many of our fellow-men are hurried to prison, to the gallows, and to the grave. Its corruptive influence is manifested in the administration of our civil government. It interferes with our religious gatherings; widows and orphans mourn its effects; wives and children weep from the cruelties and disgrace of husbands and fathers; good people of this land are grieved by its demoralizing influence. Therefore, we recommend to the churches composing this Association that they use all legitimate means in their power to arrest the course and influence of this monster evil; that we do most earnestly and respectfully request the officers of the United States, and the state government to exercise the power conferred upon them, in enforcing the laws governing the sale and use of intoxicating liquors, and that in so doing we insure them of our hearty sympathy and co-operation; that in realization of the power of this enemy which we oppose in humble reliance upon the help of Almighty God, while working ourselves, we

look to Him in earnest prayer for this blessing upon our efforts for the promotion of the cause of temperance in these United States.

S. J. FULLER, Chairman.

Pending the discussion of which the association adjourned for divine service.

Sermon by Brother J. J. Holland, followed by Brother B. C. Owens. Benediction by Brother B. C. Owens.

Association reassembled at 1 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Brother Mason.

The discussion of the committee on temperance was concluded and report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Brother Moderator—Your committee on publication would respectfully submit the following:

We recommend first, the diligent reading of the Bible as the great text book of all books, which will make us wise unto salvation. Second, the reading of Orchard's and Cramp's History on Baptist Succession, by Ray and Theodosia Earnest; also Campbellism exposed by A. P. Williams, and text book on Campbellism, by Dr. Ray. Periodicals—American Baptist Flag, by Ray. That paper being extensively read by our people, will be an efficient medium of communication for our Association; also Dr. Worrel's Devotional monthly, which medium is eminently adapted to our wants.

J. M. LEDBETTER, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES.

Brother Moderator—Your committee on queries beg leave to submit the following on the query from Cedar Grove church, which is: When a man marries a woman and she leaves him without a cause and he obtains a divorce and marries a member of the Baptist church against whom there is no charge, is his latter wife living in adultery. We have decided that she is not living in adultery.

M. K. PITTS, Chairman.

On motion of Brother S. J. Fuller the report was indefinitely postponed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Brother Moderator—Your committee on nominations beg leave to report the following:

That at our next association Brother A. S. Worrel preach the introductory sermon and Brother M. K. Pitts alternate; that Brother E. L. Compere preach the missionary sermon and Brother J. J. Holland alternate; that Brother W. M. Holland deliver a temperance lecture and Brother L. F. Patterson alternate; that Brother J. B. McDonough deliver a lecture on Sabbath schools and Brother R. P. McAlister alternate. Executive Committee—Wm. Tyler, A. Lovelace, Dr. McAlister, James Edmondson, J. A. Bennett.

ISAAC DAVIS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Brother Moderator—Your committee on documents respectfully report that we find requests from Poteau church, in Scott county, and Sharon and White Oak churches, in Logan county, for the next session of this body to be held with their respective churches. We would recommend that it be held with Sharon church, in Logan county.

J. J. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Report amended, fixing the next session of the Association to be held with Poteau church, in Scott county. Report was then adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

Brother Moderator:—Your committee on Foreign and Indian missions beg leave to report that we find that it was made the duty of the disciples to commence their labors at Jerusalem. They were also commanded to go into all the world and preach the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes. Dear brethren, as we find there is great need of sending the good news of salvation to the destitute; we therefore recommend that every possible step be taken to spread the gospel of Christ. Dear brethren, let us therefore do all in our power to raise missionary funds. We recommend that each pastor solicit contributions quarterly, from each church. We are near the Indian and are trying to teach him the way of life and salvation. May God help us to do our duty.

W. M. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Brother Moderator:—Your committee on domestic missions submit the following:

Whereas, there exists great destitution in the bounds of this Association; we recommend that each pastor bring this subject before his congregations at their monthly meetings, and take up collections for domestic missions and send the same to the executive committee. We also request our missionary to report the destitute places within this association. We recommend that missionaries be sent out to cultivate the destitute places in the bounds of this body.

L. F. PATTERSON, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Brother L. F. Patterson, who was appointed one of our missionaries by this association at its last session found it to be his duty to devote his time to pastoral work, and hence makes no report of his labors, but his churches have been greatly blessed.

Brother J. W. Millen reports that he has traveled 1,300 miles, delivered eighty-seven sermons, seventy exhortations, held eighteen prayer meetings, organized one Sabbath school, assisted in the ordination of one deacon and the organization of one church, baptised six, witnessed twenty-six baptisms and seventy-seven conversions, and heard of many others who have professed conversion as the result of his labors. And he has collected on his field \$59 40.

Brother A. A. Spiller reports that he has traveled one thousand miles, delivered seventy-seven sermons and seventy-two exhortations, attended eighty prayer meetings and twenty-five sabbath schools, prayed with thirty-five families, assisted in the organization of one church, and in the ordination of three deacons and one preacher, baptised thirty-one, and has collected on his field \$25 75.

E. L. COMPERE, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

On motion of Brother Condrey the collections taken up on Sunday for domestic missions are to be equally divided between Brother A. A. Spiller and Brother J. W. Miller.

On motion of Brother Condrey Brothers Benning, Mason and Pennington were granted permission to return home on account of sickness in their families.

Brother Moderator:—Your committee on education submit the following report:

It is a matter of congratulation on the part of the friends of education that Buckner College has at last been opened for the reception of students, and that it is now in successful operation under the direction of Dr. A. S. Worrell, a teacher of much experience. The course of study in this institution of learning is fully the equal of that in the best male colleges, and the faculty now in charge of the different rooms are deemed thoroughly competent to fill their respective places. True education looks to the development of the intellectual, moral and spiritual power in youth, and it is designed to give just such education in Buckner College. While the above facts are of a cheering nature, it is a fact that can not be denied that money to the amount of the present indebtedness ought to be raised at the earliest practical moment, if this can be done, and an additional amount can be raised for the completion of the first and second stories of the college building by the close of the first scholastic year, the success of the college will be assured. Every friend of the college should therefore resolve to raise the requisite amount with as little delay as possible.

College Lots—According to the action of the board of trustees a number of beautiful lots on the college grounds are now offered for sale, and quite a number have already been sold. If brethren will purchase these lots, and at fair prices, they may assist in liquidating the debts of the college and do themselves a service at the same time.

BUILDING UP A SPLENDID COMMUNITY.

It is the design of the managers of the college interests to induce a number of good families to settle near the college so that a noble community of citizens may be built up around it. In this event the community may become as desirable for residence as for its educational facilities.

TWO OR THREE BOARDING HOUSES ARE NEEDED.

Brethren of some means, who have children to educate, might find it to their advantage to erect a house (with the approbation of the college president) for the purpose of taking boarders.

Finally, your committee would suggest that all the members of this Association do what they can the present year to fill up the college halls with students.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Brother Moderator:—Your committee on Sunday schools submit the following report:

We record the fact with pleasure that the Sunday interest is on the increase, and that some of the churches in this Association have large and interesting schools; still it is a fact to be lamented that some of them seem not to be sufficiently interested in this important department of Christian labor. Your committee feel that our people will not be sufficiently interested in this subject until there is an "evergreen Sunday school" in every church, and until such school shall embrace in its membership all the members of the church in which it exists, and all the children and adults in the community who can be influenced to attend. Let the members all attend, either as pupils or teachers, as is in this

work. The school should be supplied with suitable papers and song books, and much attention should be bestowed on the children in teaching them the truths of the gospel and the songs of Zion. Sunday schools conducted on the plan here suggested may be made the happy "Sabbath Home" of those who are fortunate enough to live in communities that will support such schools. Besides the schools connected directly with our churches, splendid opportunities are often presented in communities remote from churches. These fields should be promptly sought out and schools should, if practicable, be established in every one of them. Here we find golden opportunities for doing good. Will not our brethren and sisters improve them? Your committee would further suggest that to further the interest of Sunday schools it might be well to organize a Sunday school convention, to meet at different times during the year, and in different parts of this Association. And we would further urge upon each of the churches within the bounds of this Association to send statistics of the organization and success of their respective schools to the next session of this Association, and it is further recommended to adopt the Sunday school paper known as Kind Words.

Report adopted.

A. S. WORRELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Brother Moderator:—The amount of funds on hand is as follows:

For printing minutes.....	\$41 85
For home missions.....	26 00
For foreign missions.....	2 50
Total.....	<u>\$70 35</u>

Report adopted.

WM. M. HOLLAND, Treasurer.

On motion of Brother J. J. Holland the clerk was allowed \$10, and the balance of the minutes' fund be expended in printing and distributing the minutes pro rata among the churches.

On motion of Brother Holland the appointment of missionaries was left to the executive committee of the Association.

On motion of Brother S. J. Fuller the Association adjourned to time and place appointed for the next annual session of the association.

During the entire session of the Association the greatest harmony prevailed, and all present seemed filled with the holy spirit.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	P. O.	COUNTY	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions for Minutes.	Domestic Missions.	Church Meetings.	Ordained Ministers.
Amity.....	Hackett City	Sebastian	E. L. Compere	H. H. Mouser	J. M. Ledbetter, H. J. Roberts, H. H. Mouser	3	1	10		9	1	87	\$2 85		2	1
Burnsville..	Burnsville..	Sebastian	J. J. Holland		Samuel Martin		2			1		11	1 00		2	
Cedar Grove..	Tomlinson	Scott			B. C. Owens, J. N. Pennington, W. D. Looper, R. J. Mason	3	3	6		9		105				
Charleston..	Charleston	Franklin		W. V. Nash	D. Y. Sweeney	1	1	3				15	2 00		1	
Fellowship..	Witcherville	Sebastian	E. L. Compere	G. H. Council	E. L. Compere, G. H. Council, R. H. Cook, W. J. Clift, Isaac Davis	9	5	30	1	3	3	198	4 25		2	
Friendship	Dayton	Sebastian	L. F. Patterson	H. L. Moffet	L. F. Patterson, A. A. Spiller, J. Edmondson, C. W. Moffet	21	21	2		2		113	4 00		2	
Pleasant Hill	Hackett City	Sebastian	Wm. M. Morris	J. W. Plunkett	M. K. Pitts, A. P. Scott, J. C. White	8	5	12		2		62	1 20		2	1
Jones' Creek	Brauley	Scott	L. F. Patterson	J. D. Jones	M. Q. Workman, J. D. Jones	31	3		3			69	3 00		2	
Pilgrim's Rest	Chocoville	Sebastian	J. H. York	A. L. Claborn	E. Bean, Jas. Claborn	7	1	2	1	2	2	40	1 50			
Shiloh	Long Ridge	Logan	J. N. Pennington	S. C. Benning	J. C. Brownfield, S. C. Benning	9	10			4		37	75			
Fort Smith.	Fort Smith	Sebastian	A. S. Worrell	J. C. Stalcup	A. S. Worrell, J. C. Stalcup	9	12	2		2		80	1 50			
Hopewell	Booneville	Logan	B. C. Owens	W. F. Carrick	S. J. Fuller, P. M. Ward	11	8	1				53	1 00			
Union Hope	Tomlinson	Scott	J. N. Pennington	J. H. Briggance	Wm. Boring, N. P. Fuller	4	2			2		21	40		1	
Palestine	Greenwood	Sebastian	J. J. Holland	Rm. Vineyard	J. J. Holland, J. W. Cross, B. A. Cross		5	16				36	1 30		2	
Double Branch	Kully Chaha	C. N.	Wm. M. Holland	W. R. Gentry	W. M. Holland, J. A. Sullivan, J. D. Vaughn	6	21	4		2		55	1 40		2	
Sharon	Chismville	Logan	Wm. Bridgman	A. M. Lambert	L. T. Hall, J. D. Aultman, Thomas Hilton	2	4	1	3	7		45	2 00			
James' Fork	Peoria	Sebastian	J. H. York	W. R. Vaughn	T. F. Berryhill, L. Blackburn, E. Jones	6	1	7		1	1	56	2 05		2	1
White Oak	Booneville	Logan	J. N. Pennington	W. H. Jackson	J. M. Lindsay, W. C. Bryant	22	11			1		57	1 50	4 50	1	
New Prospect	Enterprise	Sebastian	J. W. Miller	A. J. Hulsey	A. J. Hulsey, R. Shaw		1					13	1 25			
Shady Grove	Waldron	Scott	B. C. Owens	C. L. Hutchinson	J. P. Tate, W. A. Mitchell		1					7	50		1	
Poteau	Waldron	Scott	L. F. Patterson	J. H. Smith	T. W. Condrey, J. W. Tripp, J. M. Singletery, G. W. Smith, R. Payne	51	35	7	4	6		163	5 30		2	
Pleasant Valley			Joseph Bunch	Wm. Barnes	John Anderson		5				1	25	1 00		1	